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Woodland Friends formed to care for Plantation Wood

A new community group called Woodland Friends has been formed to oversee the development and up keep of Plantation Wood. Woodland Friends will work along side the Woodland Trust to create a tranquil haven where nature can thrive and local children and residents can learn about wildlife, different kinds of plants and spend family time together.

Alan Boyer, Chair of Woodland Friends, explained: "I feel very privileged to be involved in this group. It's great to see Gaywood Park and Fairstead working together to care for and look after Plantation Wood. We have so few natural areas, we need to make sure we care for the ones we have. There is still work to be done, so please contact us if you would like to get involved, the more volunteers we have the quicker the area can be enjoyed by us all!"

Plantation wood, which sits between Gaywood Park and Fairstead, was fully cleared by a group of around 50 enthusiastic volunteers in April. Since this time the wood has been rubbish free and future plans are beginning to develop. A family day is already planned for the area on Tuesday 28th October between 11am and 2.30pm.

Mike Ryder, Woodland Officer, commented: "It's wonderful news that the Woodland Friends has now been formed, this shows that the project has real support from the local community. There is still a long way to go but this is a big move towards residents saying what they want to see in this place of natural beauty. I hope as many people as possible will become involved in the work we are doing."

To become involved in the Woodland Friends and to find out about the work and activities happening at Plantation Wood, please contact Alan Boyer, Gaywood Park Action Group on 01553 777979.

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